



OTA 2018 MARCH CONFERENCE

The 2018 Conference took place on the 16th and 17th March in Sydney, opened by Allannah Hazelgrove, OTA President.

Our opening speaker was Kathy Flanigan, and Libby Brooks the final presenter. Kathy's topic was 'The Future of Perioperative Nursing', while Libby closed with 'the duty of care of nurses in the operating theatre and the importance of keeping good medical records'. In-between we heard from guest presenters on a variety of topics. Day one, Friday included; recycling, your future, the health of nurses and midwives, managing company representatives in the OT, laser safety, and pathogens in water. Saturday's topics included; is advancing technology a barrier? managing scheduled drugs, microbiological issues in endoscopic processing, writing for publication, and a root cause analysis case – improving and informing future practice.

The AGM was held and the delegate members advised of the incoming Executive Committee; the Financial Report was delivered by the Treasurer; and recognition of OTA members' years of service.



And, Sally Sutherland-Fraser would deliver the Judith Cornell oration at the 2018 ACORN Conference in Adelaide.

Friday night's dinner..... and the competition winners were grinners too!



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2018 Conference Prize Winners

Spasm	1 Bottle of Red Wine	Rhonda Sneddon
Spasm	1 sheep (toy)	Melissa Dagg
Spasm	Spasm Membership	Emma Farley
Best Trade	Trophy	Haines Medical
Fisher & Paykel	1 Bottle of Wine	Rebecca Lever
OTA Where's Perry Friday	Conference registration OTA	Arba Khanam
OTA Where's Perry Saturday	Conference registration OTA	Elliot Brown
Care Essential	1 bottle of Moet	Jenny Williams
Care Essential	1 bottle of Moet	Deb Burrows
Medical & Optical	Body Shop pack	Melissa Dagg
Big Green Surgical	Aesop Skin Care Products	Belinda Boon

The conference delegates had the opportunity to visit the trade displays, ask questions, and collect product samples, brochures and literature on the perioperative products available to take back to their health care facility.

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